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Arrangements for the cutting of grass in open field by the grass-cutters of the Cantonment.

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To Commissioner, Nandydrug Dist.,
" Dy. Comm., Bangalore,
" Asst-Quarter Master General Mysore Division.

Passes orders on the Correspondence anent the cutting of grass in open fields by the grass-cutters of the Cantonment.

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To

Mr. Sivagnanam Mudr. —

For the Original of Proceedings

no: 10375/326 dated 31st March 1876. —

There is a slip in the bundle, to show that the said order was submitted to the then Secretary on November 1879 & to make a further search this the To Register Rolling — has been marked against the above letter.

In the year 1891 letter from the Deputy Commissioner of the Trincomalee Dr. no: 1019 dy 10.3.92. submitting a memo regarding the Areas of Land where the Military authorities are allowed to get grass this letter is marked in the General Register sent down by the late Current Records to show as having been subd to the then Under Secy. on 18.5.92 and nothing is marked in the "From Register" against this letter. as to show the letter was disposed of.

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13/2/02 Records.

Please all of the above references can be

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To

Revenue Branch

Further search has been made with the help of From + To Registers and Indexes. Such no entry is forthcoming on the subject except the From Bangalore No: 1019 dt 10.3.92 which seems to be the last reference.

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Rl: Branch

Please see whether the papers are with letter dt No 11283 / 9.2403 dt 2nd Jany/94 & Ready & put up if available to Rev: Branch

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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department,
31st March 1876.

From the Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division, To the Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, No. 234, dated Bangalore, 24th January 1876.

I have the honor by order to request that you will be so obliging as to lay before the Chief Commissioner the enclosed copies of letters which have been received from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

2. The subject mooted by Mr. Ricketts, is an important one and the Major General would be glad of the advice and assistance of the Chief Commissioner.

3. From time immemorial it has been the practice for grass-cutters both public and private to obtain grass from the open fields and the question arises whether ryots holding land in the neighbourhood of large stations do not do so with this understanding.

From the Offg. Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District, To the Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division, No. 1181, dated Camp Chik Belvangal, 17th January 1876.

As a case of disturbance lately occurred between the ryots of certain villages in the Bangalore Taluk and the grass-cutters who supply grass to troops, I have the honor to request the favor of your obtaining at your earliest convenience the views of the General, Commanding the Division, as to whether the Military authorities would support the issue of instructions to these Regimental grass-cutters to the effect that they must make their own arrangements with the ryots of the different villages, as otherwise the Civil authorities will have to deal with them as trespassers each time they are caught within the fields of the ryots.

2. Copies of my letter No. 761, and docket No. 818, dated 12th and 29th November last, respectively, to the address of the Commissioner, Nundydroog Division, are forwarded for perusal.

From the Offg. Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, To the Commissioner of the Nundydroog Division, No. 761, dated Bangalore, 12th November 1875.

In forwarding the enclosed papers * for your information, I have the honor to state that I propose taking no further action in the particular case under reference, save pointing out that the action of the Kotval was highly wrong and injudicious.

*1 Letter from Cantonment Sar Amin No. 180 dated—November 1875.
1 Petition of Pillaradli and others.
1 Bangalore Taluk Killedar's Report No. 1145 of 28th October 1875.
1 Do do do " 1160 of 31st do
1 Petition from P. Venkatramaiya Chetti.
5 Total.

2. Disputes and even assaults between grass-cutters and villagers have cropped up from time to time for many years past. The villagers naturally and rightly look upon the grass of their fields as their own private property, available for home use or to find a ready sale in the Cantonment and Petta of Bangalore. On the other hand grass-cutters *must* find grass if they are to remain in their places, and thus they are driven to what is actually trespass and theft. Further they have to pretend to a right to take the grass and thus many of them go in gangs and establish, where they can, a sort of terrorism over the villagers. As waste merges into cultivated lands the difficulty becomes greater and even as regards waste lands the same difficulty now exists in-asmuch as they are yearly sold for grazing purposes and so become private property to all intents and purposes. Good Hurrialee grass is however chiefly found on the borders of and inside of cultivated fields and where it is a saleable commodity, and which no grass-cutter should touch.

3. If grass-cutters are interdicted, as evidently they must be, from trespassing upon private property, other arrangements will have to be made for the supply of grass to the troop horses. Such arrangements may involve a difficulty but I should be failing in my duty if I did not point out the dangers of the present system and which at any moment is likely to involve a serious fight between villagers and grass-cutters and native camp-followers.

4. If tenders be invited for the supply of grass I believe that the villagers would readily come forward to supply the requisite amount. The loss to grass-cutters in being thus deprived of their living would be great, but probably they would come to an understanding in time with the villagers and some of their caste would eventually take up lands and supply the grass.

5. Trusting that action may be taken in the matter.

From the Offg. Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District, To the Commissioner of the Nundydroog Division, No. 818, dated 29th November 1875.

Commissioner's No. 839 of 22nd instant, enquiring whether it would not be feasible to set aside waste land for grass-cutters.

In reply, has the honor to state that waste lands—if the financial point be settled—can be set aside in certain villages; but the Deputy Commissioner apprehends that this course will not lessen the difficulty in-asmuch as such lands seldom produce Hurrialee grass and are perfectly dry in the hot weather.

From the Offg. Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District, To the Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, General Department, No. 1260, dated 10th February 1876.

With reference to the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 8267—R. 228, dated 2nd instant, I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the sums realized from the sale of Hulbanni or grazing in the villages adjoining the Cantonment of Bangalore since the Survey settlement was introduced, and to state that it embraces all the villages in the marginally noted Hoblis. These are within the radius of five miles from the Cantonment.

Alsur.
Agra.
Yesavanchpur.

Statement shewing the amount of revenue realized from the sale of Hulbanni or grazing in the Hoblis adjoining the Cantonment of Bangalore since the Survey Settlement was introduced.

Hobli.	Village. No.	Village. Name.	Distance.	Sale proceeds of Hulbanni. 1872—73. A.	G.	Rs.	As	1873—74. A.	G.	Rs.	As	1874—75. A.	G.	Rs.	As	1875—76. A.	G.	Rs.	As	Total. Amount.		
Alsur.	1	Alsur	Within five miles of the Cantonment.	...	...	...	...	20	16	16	0	20	16	18	4	20	16	137	0	171	4	0
	2	Dukahalli		0	16	0	4	0	16	0	6	10	37	0	14	10	37	13	4	14	12	0
	3	Aakkitimanhalli		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4	Ijapura		12	4	0	4	12	4	1	1	12	4	1	6	12	4	3	8	6	3	0
	5	Sinevagal		...	...	...	..	0	31	0	8	0	31	0	4	...	...	...	...	0	12	0
	6	Bhógenahalli		10	11	5	2	4	0	1	12	1	1	0	4	3	37	3	7	10	9	0
	7	Bilakihalli		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	8	Agraharatimsandra		0	28	0	8	0	28	0	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	0
	9	Karanji Besanahalli		1	29	1	12	1	23	1	12	1	23	6	4	1	23	6	13	6	9	0
	10	Sampigehalli		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	11	Dodbelkhani		67	16	14	7	23	29	20	15	22	11	79	10	23	19	108	13	223	13	0
	12	Domlur		1	0	3	0	27	3	3	4	27	3	1	8	27	3	2	4	10	0	0
	13	Upparhalli		...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...
	14	Hanumantapura		2	22	9	0	2	7	12	0	2	6	7	0	2	7	3	12	31	12	0
	15	Gangenhalli		6	27	1	0	5	29	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9	0
	16	Matadahalli		9	27	0	8	1	37	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	0
	17	Viyahkaval		40	11	2	9	41	28	9	15	39	3	4	2	19	10	3	7	20	1	0
	18	Kupsandra		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	19	Jaksandra		5	27	0	5	5	27	0	12	5	27	0	6	5	27	0	8	1	15	0
	20	Mallenhalli		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	21	Barge Muddenahalli		17	22	9	7	12	22	18	11	8	3	7	0	12	22	8	1	43	3	0
	22	Mavahalli		2	15	4	8	2	18	4	10	2	15	1	9	2	15	3	9	14	4	0
	23	Guttahalli		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	24	Gangammanagudi Palya		...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	25	Dodkuti Badram Palya		...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...
	26	Amanisinirakal Tank		...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total.....		178	15	52	10	162	38	95	13	153	20	128	7	141	20	294	6	571	4	0

No. 10375—GENL. 326, DATED BANGALORE, 31ST MARCH 1876.

ORDER THEREON.—The Officiating Chief Commissioner has discussed the question involved in the above correspondence, with the Commissioner of Nundydroog Division, and in concurrence with the opinion of that Officer, considers that the immediate requirements of the Military Department might be met by placing in abeyance the rules under which unoccupied lands are sold annually for grazing in the vicinity of the station.

The Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore is accordingly directed to suspend the sales of grazing lands in the Alsur, Agra, Yeranchpur Hoblis of the Bangalore Taluk for the ensuing year 1876—77 and until further orders. The grass of these lands will then of course be free to villagers as well as to grass-cutters from the Cantonment.

The Officiating Chief Commissioner does not anticipate however that this measure will permanently remove the difficulties referred to, as it is probable that the wants of the troops will hereafter require to be met by means of contracts for the supply of grass, and he would suggest that steps be taken in this direction by the Military Authorities.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

To—The Commissioner, Nundydroog Division.
" Dy. Commissioner, Bangalore District.
" Assistant Quarter-Master General, Mysore Divisio.

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To

THE COMMISSIONER, NUNDYDROOG DIVISION.

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